

HOUSE RESOLUTION 127
By Armstrong

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Debra D. Joyce, Leadership Legislative Assistant for the House Health and Human Resources Committee, on completing her requirements for the Ed. D. degree.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially recognize our employees who work hard, perform their duties with diligence and succeed in both their professional and personal lives; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Debra D. Joyce, who serves admirably as the Leadership Legislative Assistant for the House Health and Human Resources Committee, has recently completed all requirements for her Ed. D. degree, which she will receive from Tennessee State University in August 1997; and

WHEREAS, it is important to note that in order to reach this high level of accomplishment, Debra took advantage of a great opportunity afforded to state employees in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated 8-50-114, by enrolling in one free class each semester at a state institution; and

WHEREAS, she received her Bachelor of Science degree from Tennessee State University with a major in Political Science and Social Work in May, 1993; and

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WHEREAS, a popular and highly regarded student, Debra received her Master of Education degree in Supervision and Administration from Tennessee State University in August, 1994; and

WHEREAS, from 1987-1990, she was a Legislative Assistant for the Tennessee General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the House Health and Human Resources Committee was fortunate to have her as their Leadership Assistant from 1991-1994; and

WHEREAS, from 1994-1997, Debra served expertly as the Leadership Legislative Assistant for the House Consumer and Employee Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, she has been the recipient of numerous honors. In 1995 she received "The National Collegiate Academic Achievement in Education Award" for outstanding performance; and

WHEREAS, Debra has been a member of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society since 1994, and currently serves as their Foundation Representative for TSU; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, she was selected to participate in the prestigious State of Tennessee Geier Intern Fellowship Program for the Tennessee Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Debra has performed each of her legislative duties cheerfully and with exceptional thoroughness and competence, and she has been highly praised by members and constituents; and

WHEREAS, we are pleased that she has completed her requirements for the Ed. D. degree; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor, congratulate and commend Dr. Debra D. Joyce on receiving her Doctor of Education degree and wish her all the best in what we are confident will be a bright future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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WHEREAS,